(b) The extent of increase in ex-factory price of various Maruti Vehicles at different dates has been as follows :

(In Rupees)

Vehicle	Initial Price*	Price rise in ex-factory prices inclusive of excise duty & dealers commission					Current Price*
		1-4-85	28-3-86	4-6-86	14-3-87	14-10-87	
Car Standard	47,500						
Blue & White		2,450	7,150	6,800	7,650	1,000	72,550
Red, Brown & Green		3,200	7,150	6,050	7,650	1,000	72,550
Car Deluxe	79,000	450	5,550	8,800	8,850	1,325	103,975
Car A.C.	62,200	—	6,800	9,500	8,250	1,325	88,075
Van Flat Roof	47,500						
Blue & White		7,000	7,000	6,000	4,950	1,000	73,450
Red, Brown & Green		7,750	7,000	5,250	4,950	1,000	73,450
Van High Roof	49,250						
Blue & White		7,000	6,850	5,800	5,550	1,000	75,450
Red, Brown & Green		7,750	6,850	5,050	5,550	1,000	75,450
Gypsy	83,900	—	3,100	7,900	6,550	1,500	103,050

(*) Ex-factory price (inclusive of excise duty and dealer's Commission).

Hiring of machines by Eastern Coalfields Limited

*135 SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Eastern Coalfields Limited had hired nine (9) machines during the period from 1977-78 to 1985-86;

(b) if so, from whom the machines were hired on what terms and conditions;

(c) what were the purposes for hiring the machines;

(d) what was the cost benefit ratio; and

(e) whether the hiring was approved by the Board of Directors of ECL and Coal India Limited ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b) Twenty one sets of Heavy Earth Moving Machinery with supporting equipment were hired by period 1977-78 to 1985-86 from the following :

1. M/s G S. Atwal & Company (Gua).

2. M/s Mercantile Construction Company

3. M/s Sterling Construction Company.

4. M/s Arvind Construction Company Pvt. Ltd.

5. M/s Ravi Udyog.

6. M/s Guru Meher Construction Company.

7. M/s Eastern Minerals & Trading Agency.

8 M/s Khalsa Brothers.

9. M/s G S. Atwal & Company (Engg) Pvt. Ltd

10 M/s. R N. Bhalotia.

11. M/s Guru Meher Construction Company Pvt. Ltd.

12 M/s Oriental.

The main terms and conditions covered aspects like compliance with safety rules and regulations, non-employment of manual labour except for operation, maintenance and repairing of machines/equipment and payment related to measurement of work done

(c) The machines equipment were hired for working small patch deposits by opencast methods.

(d) In working small patch deposits, deployment of hired machinery equipment has been found to be more economical than the departmental equipment under similar conditions.

(e) The hiring of machinery/equipment was done by the Board of Directors of Eastern Coalfields Limited or by competent authority to whom powers had been delegated. Coal India Limited laid down guidelines for hiring of machinery/equipment in 1981.

Inquiry into the affairs of KVIC

*136 SHRI M A. BABY :

SHRI K. MOHANAN :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to inquire into the goings on in the management of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission against whom a number of complaints have been received from different quarters; and

(b) if so, by when; and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) (a) and (b) Government had set up a Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri M Ramakrishanyya, former Deputy Governor Reserve Bank and Chairman NABARD to go into the working of the Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) Based on the recommendations, a number of amendments to the KVIC were passed by the Parliament early this year. In accordance with these amendments, the rules of the KVIC have been amended and notified in July, 1987.

Setting up of a National Design Council

*137. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY :

DR. BAPU KALDATE :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a 'National Design Council';

(b) whether any progress has been made in this regard, and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J VENGAL RAO) : (a) to (c) A Working Group was set up to examine the desirability and feasibility of setting up a National Design Council The recommendations of the Working Group were examined by the government and it was felt that the proposals needed modification from the point of view of organisation of the Council, manner of providing financial assistance as well as involving industry participation The recommendations of the Working Group could not therefore, be accepted in their present form.

Oil Refineries at Karnal and Mangalore

*138. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have allowed equity participation by the Tata and Birla groups in the joint venture companies to be formed for setting up the two oil refineries at Karnal and Mangalore, and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) and (b) Government of India have decided that a 6 MTPA refinery be set up at Karnal in the joint sector It has also been decided a Detailed Project Report be prepared for a 3 MTPA Petrochemical refinery at Mangalore.

The Karnal refinery will have M/s. Tata Chemicals Limited as the private co-promoter. The public sector promoter will be Indian Oil Corporation. Each of them